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1. THE MEXICO CITY PRESS HAS CONFIRMED NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT THE NEXT STUDENT DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR MEXICO CITY WILL BEGIN AT 1700 HOURS ON 13 AUGUST 1968. THE FINAL DESTINATION OF THE STUDENT MARCH IS TO BE THE MAIN CITY SQUARE (ZOCALO). NO REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT AN OFFICIAL PERMIT HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION OR, IN FACT, THAT ONE HAS EVEN BEEN REQUESTED. THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) STILL APPEARS TO BE THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF STUDENT DISCONTENT. BUT EVEN AT THAT SCHOOL THERE EXIST MANY FACTIONS VYING FOR CONTROL. THE SAME SITUATION OBTAINS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM), AND ALTHOUGH UNAM STUDENTS AND OTHERS FROM PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

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AND NORMAL SCHOOLS WILL DOUBTLESS PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMONSTRATION. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATION WILL EQUAL THAT OF IPN. RADICAL ELEMENTS AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE THEIR AGITATIONAL EFFORTS; THUS THERE REMAINS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN OTHERWISE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION TO INCITE STUDENTS TO MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION.

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